



State of Utah

GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

Department of Agriculture and Food

LuAnn Adams
Commissioner

Scott Ericson
Deputy Commissioner

Cody James
Director, Animal Industry

Warren J. Hess, DVM
Acting State Veterinarian

January 12, 2015

Memorandum: Lifting of Requirement for Terminal Swine Shows

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is lifting the order placed during the 2014 show year that all swine shows be terminal shows (i.e. all swine must go directly to slaughter from the show so that they don't return to the farm).

The office of the state veterinarian still strongly recommends that shows self-designate as a terminal show, however it is not a state requirement. It is also strongly recommended that community "weigh-ins" (where many people gather to make sure their pig makes weight) NOT be held and that any scales and trucks that are shared between farms be completely disinfected between farm visits. It is also suggested that shows require a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate) where the animal has been examined within 10 days of the event.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren J. Hess, DVM".

Warren J. Hess, DVM
Acting State Veterinarian
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
Division of Animal Industry
350 N. Redwood Rd
P.O. Box 146500
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500
801-538-4910 (o) 801-538-7169 (f)
wjhess@utah.gov